

Application No.: 10/725,311

Docket No.: 22040-00022-US

REMARKS

Claims 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21-23, and 25 are now pending in this application.

Claims 4-6, 8, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21, 23, and 25 are independent. Claims 4-6, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21, 23, and 25 have been amended; and claims 1-3, 7, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 24, and 26-35 have been canceled by this amendment.

Anticipation Rejection over Koyanagi

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3, 7, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 24, and 26-35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Koyanagi (US 6,735,608) is requested.

Claims 1-3, 7, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 24, and 26-35 have been canceled, thus rendering their rejection moot.

Indefiniteness Rejections

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 28-35 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is requested.

Claims 28-35 have been canceled, thus rendering their rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 21-23, and 25 are drawn to allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

In reliance upon the indication of allowable subject matter, claims 4-6, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21, 23, and 25 have been rewritten in independent form.

Allowance of claims 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21-23, and 25 is therefore requested.

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Objection to the Specification

Withdrawal of the objection to the Specification is requested. The Specification has been amended to remove reference to specific claim numbers as required by the Examiner.

Objection to the Drawings

Withdrawal of the objection to the Drawings is requested. Dependent claim 12 has been canceled, thus rendering the objection to the Drawings moot.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes that each of pending claims 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21-23, and 25 in this application is in immediate condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22040-00022-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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